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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Allen Dulles Estate Records

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1. [] advised that he has completed his appraisal of all of the files and records maintained in GE-42 Headquarters. He raised the question as to whether or not he should appraise documents falling into Category III of Mr. Houston's letter. He pointed out that Mr. Houston stated that records in this Category in whole or in part may later be transferred to the estate.

2. He stated that he does not desire to see sensitive or classified material but that the value of these records may have a connection with the estate taxes to be paid. I told him that some considerable time would no doubt elapse before the sensitivity of these documents changes and that it is highly probable that a very minute section of Category III would ever be released. I suggested that it would be preferable from our standpoint if they would not be included in the appraisal.

3. In the absence of Mr. Houston, I checked this point with Mr. Warner who agreed. He added that it would be impossible to place a value on records which may or may not be released.

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4. I called [] again and advised him that I had checked this point out with our Office of General Counsel who agreed in the above position. [] is perfectly agreeable on this point, realizing that it is a question for decision between the Agency and the estate. His only interest was one of convenience. He wanted to make sure that he completed his job while he was in the Washington area.

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Acting Director of Security

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